

State of Iowa Youth Advisory Council

Conference Call Minutes Sunday, December 20th, 2020

[8:00 PM – 9:00 PM] - All Members – Statewide Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84461712645 by phone +13126266799, 84461712645#

The meeting was called to order by W. Keck at 8:00 PM. Attendance was taken by V. Iyer at 8:01 PM.

Present: V. Iyer, W. Keck, A. Drahos, A. Moorlach, B. Kelly, I. Hanson, J. Piazza, K. Jones, K. Hesselink, K. Castillo, K. Chugh, K. Huntington, L. Glenn, L. Roarick, P. Bassuk, S. Wilson, S. Koh, S. Drey, T. Loudon

Absent: K. Jones

I. Welcome & Announcements

At 8:05 PM, p bassuk motions to approve previous minus, second by i hanson, passes unanimously.

II. March for our Lives discussion

At 8:07 PM, W. Keck introduces the March For Our Lives project where they are collating position statements from many youth organizations from across the state, and if we want to participate in this. A. Moorlach, L. Roarick, and A. Drahos advocate for our participation. At 8:09 PM, I. Hanson motion to participate, seconded by A. Jayaram, motion passes unanimously.

III. Service/Legislative/IDEA/Public Affairs Updates

At 8:10 PM, IDEA Chair, B. Kelly, gives updates:

- Voting on "in response to anti-semitism during Hannukah" resolution, I. Hanson and J. Piazza advocate for it
- J. Piazza asks what can we do about anti-semitic violence in Iowa as a council?
 W. Keck talks about community PSA activities we can try in the future. P.
 Bassuk talks about advocacy and proper language use in favor of the Jewish community.
- A. Jayaram motions to approve the resolution, seconded by A. Moorlach, motion passes unanimously

At 8:17 PM, Public Affairs Chair, B. Kelly, gives updates:

- No new updates.

At 8:18 PM, Service Chair gives updates:



- Service calendar has been updated until the end of December.
- Reminding everyone to think about their individual service projects, contact S. Koh about questions or concerns regarding the service project.

At 8:21 PM, Legislative Affairs Chair, K. Chugh, gives updates:

- Compiling prefiled bills that align with SIYAC legislative priorities and contacting committee chairs about the different bills they can support.
- W. Keck sent out an email to all re-elected Representatives and Senators with congratulations and SIYAC legislative priorities, he will work with K. Chugh to compile lists of legislators and what they're like.

IV. Committee Updates

At 8:38a PM, P. Bassuk of the Education committee gives updates:

- Contacting legislators, reaching out to third parties
- Illinois DOE published some similar stuff for their educational system, potentially reaching out to them

At 8:40 PM, A. Moorlach of the Human Rights committee gives updates:

- Contacting legislators, third party advocacy groups, consistent.

At 8:40 PM, L. Glenn of the Health committee gives updates:

- Contacting legislators, Sen. Gibbons is interested in sponsoring their bill and Sen. Peterson is interested in working with them on menstrual equity.

At 8:41 PM, I. Hanson of the Environmental committee gives updates:

- Contacting legislators, meeting with superintendents of schools, etc.

At 8:44 PM, IYC Liaison gives updates:

- IYC is reaching out to legislators and working on public awareness
- Also will participate in March for our Lives project

V. SIYAC Resolutions

At 8:45 PM, W. Keck introduces the idea of council resolutions to publish, showing the council's ideas and beliefs and shows both resolutions written so far.

- P. Bassuk motions to strike "neglected" and replacing it with "disengaged" in Resolution 1, passes unanimously.

At Time PM, L roarick motions to approve res, a moorlach seconds, Council votes unanimously on Resolution 1.

At Time PM, a jayaram motions to approve res 2, second by j piazza, Council votes unanimously on Resolution 2.

VI. Good of the Order

At 8:57 PM, Council conducts discussion about current events, including COVID vaccines and current politics. P. Bassuk suggests that B. Kelly makes a calendar of religious holidays so that we do not conflict with them in the future.



IV. Public Comments

At 9:08 PM, V. Adovor says that she appreciates the resolutions and amendments to the resolutions and the collaboration between SIYAC's Education Committee and IYC's Education Committee.

VII. Adjournment

At 9:09 PM, the call was adjourned.